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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA
TO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI IMMEDIATE
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DEPT FOR A/SY/OPS/FO/MSG

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E. O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: MSG
SUBJ: AUTO ACCIDENT

1. SGT
GME. WHITNEY WAS INVOLVED IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT TODAY
ON THE HIGHWAY OUTSIDE PRETORIA.
 2. SNM WAS NOT INJURED. HOWEVER, A PASSENGER IN THE OTHER VEHICLE
WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL. THE EXTENT OF HIS INJURIES ARE UNKNOWN
OTHER THAN SUFFERING FROM A BROKEN LEG.
 3. THE EMBASSY POLICY IS TO TURN THE STATEMENT OF THE MARINE
INVOLVED OVER TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND LET THE INSURANCE
COMPANIES SETTLE THE DAMAGES AS LONG AS THE VEHICLE IS FULLY
INSURED.
 4. THE VEHICLE THE MARINE WAS DRIVING WAS BORROWED FROM ANOTHER
EMBASSY EMPLOYEE, AND THE OWNER OF THE CAR IS TDY AND WILL
NOT RETURN TO PRETORIA UNTIL 2 SEP 78. THE MARINE INVOLVED IS DUE
TO ROTATE ON 9 SEP 78. THE MARINE IS DUE TO LEAVE BEFORE THE
OWNER RETURNS.
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5. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE HAS BEEN NOTIFIED. THERE IS PROOF
OF THIRD PARTY INSURANCE TO COVER PERSONAL INJURY, AND THE OWNER
STATES THAT HE IS INSURED AGAINST PROPERTY DAMAGE.
6. IT APPEARS AT THIS TIME THAT SGT WHITNEY'S DEPARTURE AS
SCHEDULED WILL NOT POSE A PROBLEM. EMBASSY, RECOMMENDS, HOWEVER

THAT SGT WHITNEY BE AUTHORIZED TO DELAY DEPARTURE A FEW DAYS
IF THAT SEEMS ADVISABLE.

7. CAN I, AND SHOULD I, RETAIN THE MARINE IN PRETORIA UNTIL THE
OWNER OF THE VEHICLE RETURNS AND A SETTLEMENT HAS BEEN MADE.
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